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GOVERNMENT STRESSES RR SAFETY PROGRAM;
BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM PUSHED

IMPOSES RESPONSIBILITY ON ALL RR WORKERS -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 1 Jun 50

Peiping, 31 May (Hsin-hua) -- To protect the property of the people's railroads, to prevent accidents, and to fulfill transportation duties properly, the Ministry of Railroads is enforcing a system of responsibility on all railroads in China.

Regulations for this system point out that all railroad officials and workers must clearly understand that the successful completion of transportation plans are possible only if the railroads are absolutely safe. Each railroad official must bear the responsibility, within his own territory, for the efficiency of shops, maintenance of railroads, operation of trains, and safeguarding of railroad materials in warehouses.

Henceforth, when an accident occurs and the damage to materials is due to the irresponsibility of an individual, he shall be prosecuted and punished if found guilty. Also, to apply this system throughout the ranks, all heads of the railroad bureaus shall educate their personnel regarding responsibility, establish strict safety rules, and safeguard property of the people's railroads.

ESTABLISHES INSPECTION OFFICES -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 1 Jun 50

Peiping, 31 May (Hsin-hua) -- In order that railroads may be operated safely throughout China, the Ministry of Railroads has established inspection offices in each administrative bureau. These offices will be responsible for:

1. Inspection of locomotives, rolling stock, roadbeds, tunnels, bridges, signals, communication systems, and all other equipment which needs care and periodical inspection.

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2. Investigation of accidents, and establishment of safety rules.
3. Conducting annual re-examination of personnel.
4. Research on safety measures, improving and revising safety equipment, and directing the safe operation of the railroads.

TRAIN OPERATIONS IMPROVE -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao, 1 Jun 50

Peiping, 31 May (Hsin-hua) -- Since adjustments were made on train schedules in April 1950, operations have improved greatly, and delays in departure and arrival have virtually been eliminated. In April 1950, the Northeast and Tientsin Railroad Bureaus adhered to their schedules in 99 percent of their runs, while most of the other bureaus improved their operations by 30 percent.

During the same period, services on the passenger trains were also improved. Most passenger trains now have adequate light, water and sanitary facilities, as well as seats for all passengers. Most of the trains also provide mail service, newspapers, and descriptions of points of interest. In the Northeast, first-aid service and rest rooms are also provided on each train.

16 RR BRIDGES REBUILT -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 31 May 50

Ch'ang-sha -- With the help of army engineer troops, the construction section of the Heng-yang Railroad Bureau completed rebuilding the following 16 railroad bridges on the Heng-yang--Kuei-lin--Kuei-yang line in April 1950: Li Chiang, Ta-h'i Ho, No 2 Po-chai, Chao Ho, Ta-tuan Ho, Chieh-ts'un, Man-hsiang Ho, Pai-mao-p'u, Huang-ch'iao, Hsin-ch'iao-p'u, Miao-wan, Sung-lin, and Tzu-yang Ho bridges located between Heng-yang and Kuei-lin; Lo-wang, I-pan, and P'ao-ma Ho bridges located between Kuei-lin and Kuei-yang.

The Heng-yang Railroad Bureau plans to complete the following six bridges in May 1950: Ch'ih-feng, Hsin-ch'iao, and Shuang-nao bridges on the Canton-Hankow line, and Pai-ya, Sha-t'an Ho, and Shih Chiang bridges located between Heng-yang and Kuei-lin.

FLOODS STOP TRAIN TRAFFIC -- Hong Kong Kung-shang Jih-pao, 1 Jun 50

Canton, 31 May -- A section of the Hangchow--P'ing-hsiang railroad line between I-yang and Liu-chia has been temporarily closed due to floods.

It was also reported that traffic has been temporarily suspended on the Heng-yang--Kuei-lin line due to high water on the Ta-tuan Ho.

ADDS TRAIN BETWEEN CANTON, SHANGHAI -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 2 Jun 50

Canton, 1 June -- The Canton branch of the Heng-yang Railroad Bureau announced that another train will be added for service between Canton and Shanghai beginning 3 June 1950. It will have first-, second-, and third-class accommodations and sleepers.

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